

IN TRIBUTE TO CHARLES R.
ADAMS, JR.

HON. JIM MARSHALL

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 7, 2004

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man who for half a century has served the people of my State and District in the noble calling of the law. On October 11, 2004, my good friend Charles R. Adams, Jr. will mark his golden anniversary as an active member of the Georgia Bar.

Charlie Adams was born in Fitzgerald, GA, in 1932, the descendent of several prominent families in Middle Georgia. In 1946, Charlie, 13 at the time, served as a page in the Eighty-Seventh Congress.

Valedictorian of the Fitzgerald High School Class of '49, Charlie continued his distinguished academic and leadership record at the University of Georgia, achieving membership in the Phi Beta Kappa honorary fraternity, in the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and served as President of UGA's Interfraternity Council. While at UGA, Charlie met and married the lovely Margaret Leah Twitty of Camilla, Ga. She and Charlie had two children, Charles R. Adams III and Mary Elisabeth Adams (Mrs. Howard) Johnson. Charles lost Leah to cancer in 1983. His son is following in his father's footsteps; it was my privilege to teach Charles Adams III at Mercer Law School.

Mr. Speaker, Charlie Adams was admitted to the UGA School of Law in 1953 and successfully took the bar exam in the summer of 1954. He was formally admitted as a member of the Georgia bar on Oct. 11, 1954, in the Superior Court of Ben Hill County, Georgia, Hon. O. Wendell Horne, Jr., presiding. In 1955, Charlie was awarded the LL.B. degree from Georgia Law School. He was commissioned as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army and served as an attorney in the Judge Advocate General's Office, including a brief tour of duty in the Pentagon. After his military service, Charlie served for two years as a staff attorney to the Hon. Jule W. Felton, Sr., Chief Judge of the Georgia Court of Appeals. He entered private practice with the Atlanta firm of Crenshaw, Hansell, Ware, Brandon & Dorsey.

In 1962, Charlie heeded the call to return to his roots in middle Georgia and relocated his family to Fort Valley. When his district's Congressional seat came open in 1964, Charlie made a laudable bid to win the Democratic primary. He has been a life long member of the Democratic Party and has served as a member and officer of the Peach County Democratic Executive Committee since 1966.

Mr. Speaker, in this day when so many view the legal profession with cynical suspicion, Charlie Adams manifests the most noble ideals of his, and my, profession. He has always been available for public service. For many years, he took more than his share of indigent criminal defense and other pro bono publico cases. He represented the City of Fort Valley for 29 years, the Fort Valley Utility Commission for 35 years, as well as Peach County, the Peach County Board of Education, and many other local government entities. In the 1970's, he was also attorney on a statewide basis for the Georgia Electric Cities Association. Charlie has been active in his community in other ways, including the Boy

Scouts, the Kiwanis Club, the Chamber of Commerce, the United Way, and the Methodist Church. For 50 years, he has lived out the finest aspects of a true professional. I am proud to claim Charles R. Adams, Jr., as a constituent and friend, and I hope that everyone will join me in wishing him many more happy and productive years to come.

ON THE RETIREMENT OF CAPTAIN ROBERT C. WILKENS

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize and honor the service and career of Captain Robert C. Wilkens as he retires after 32 years of distinguished service in support of our Nation. Throughout his career, Captain Wilkens has epitomized the Navy's core values of honor, courage, and commitment, and has displayed exceptional leadership and dedication to his country and commands.

Captain Wilkens earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy from the Medical University of South Carolina in 1974. He then embarked on a remarkable journey in the Navy's Medical Service Corps, beginning as a staff pharmacist at the Naval Hospital, Charleston, South Carolina.

Captain Wilkens' next tour of duty was right here in the U. S. Capitol, where he served as the Director of Pharmacy in the Office of the Attending Physician to Congress from 1981 to 1985. He then entered advanced training as a Pharmacy resident at the Navy's Flagship hospital, the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland, in 1986.

Captain Wilkens continued with his stellar career as the Pharmacy Clinical Coordinator and Director of Inpatient Services at the Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Virginia. Upon completion of that assignment in 1990, he became a Doctor of Pharmacy Candidate at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond.

Captain Wilkens then served as the Chairman of the Pharmacy Department at Naval Medical Center, San Diego, California from 1992–1999. By special request, he next served as the Specialty Leader and Consultant to the Navy Surgeon General for Pharmacy Policy at the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery in Washington, DC. Upon completion of that exceptional tour in 2001, Captain Wilkens returned to San Diego, and served once again as Chairman of the Pharmacy Department at the Naval Medical Center. He was home.

Captain Wilkens completes his distinguished and honorable career leaving a lasting impression of inspired leadership, mastery of science in pharmacy and policy, and all-encompassing support for the Navy's medical readiness programs and quality of life.

I am pleased to recognize and thank Bob Wilkens for his long and dedicated service to this country and join with his friends and colleagues in wishing him "Fair Winds and Following Seas" as he and his wife, Linda, leave the Navy after 32 years of remarkable contributions and service.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MR. LOWELL E. ENSLEN

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 7, 2004

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor and pleasure that I stand before you today to recognize the many accomplishments of Mr. Lowell E. Enslen. I can truly say that Lowell is a dedicated, distinguished and committed citizen. I have known him since 1973, and besides the practice of law he has been one of the most caring people involved in his community. Lowell has practiced law in Hammond and has served the community for over 50 years, including dedicated service to many charitable and civic organizations. His career as a lawyer has allowed him the opportunity to touch the lives of numerous people. For many years Lowell has helped with the induction of new citizens in cooperation with the Federal District Court of Hammond, Indiana on the Fourth of July. Mayor Thomas McDermott showed his appreciation and gratitude for the lifetime of service of Colonel Lowell E. Enslen by proclaiming July 4, 2004 as Colonel Lowell E. Enslen Day.

Lowell E. Enslen was born in Gary, Indiana in 1927. He attended Hobart public schools and Valparaiso University. Lowell was admitted to the American Bar Association in 1952. He was National President of Sigma Delta Kappa from 1963–1964, Town Attorney of Dyer, Indiana from 1957–1960, 1962, and 1964–1972 and of Cedar Lake, Indiana, from 1976–1980. Lowell has accomplished many visionary goals throughout his career. Before and during his service to the Hammond Community, Lowell served America honorably as a soldier and an officer in the United States Marine Corps, rising to the rank of Colonel. He is a member of Enslen, Enslen & Matthews Law Firm, which was established in 1960. Enslen, Enslen, & Matthews Law Firm provides general civil, criminal and appellate practice in all State and Federal courts, family/domestic relations, probate and estate planning, insurance, real estate and labor relations law.

Not only has Lowell Enslen had many accomplishments throughout his career as a lawyer, he has also actively contributed to his community through participation in various programs designed at improving opportunities for the people of Northwest Indiana. Lowell was President of Members Hammond from 1965–1966 and is currently affiliated with Lake County, Indiana State, and American Bar Associations, the American Judicature Society, the Indiana Trial Lawyers Association, the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, and the Fellow Indiana Bar Foundation. Along with his many other accomplishments, Lowell has received numerous certificates and awards.

Lowell has demonstrated his faithfulness by his extraordinary service to Enslen, Enslen, & Matthews and his community through his hard work and self-sacrifice. Although Lowell has served on numerous committees and has dedicated his time to Enslen, Enslen, & Matthews, he has never neglected to provide support and love to his family.

Mr. Speaker, Lowell E. Enslen has given his time and efforts selflessly to the people of Northwest Indiana throughout his years of